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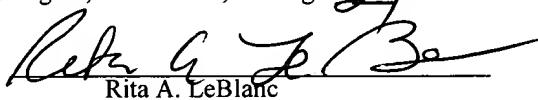
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Serial No: 09/498,950  
Filed: February 4, 2000  
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SNOWBOARDING BOOT WITHIN A BASEPLATE  
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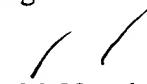
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Applicants present the claims as amended below and enclose a set of marked-up claims with bracketing and underlining.

  
Please add claim 86-88 as indicated below.

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86. (New) The strap according to claim 13, wherein the strap is a binding strap member and wherein the flexible strap member is a flexible binding strap member configured and arranged to be securable with the mounting strap and releasably connected to the engagement strap to adjust tightening of the binding strap about the boot when the boot is in a binding.

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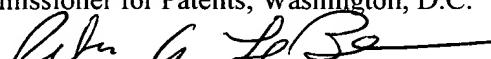
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1. Amendment
2. Return Receipt Postcard

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617)720-3500, Boston, Massachusetts.

A check in the amount of \$54.00 is enclosed to cover the additional claim fee. If the fee is insufficient, the balance may be charged to the account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carpenter et al., *Applicant*



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